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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of Training Task Force

SUBJECT: Program on Creative Management

The middle level training problems we face were poignantly brought home again by the OTE announcement on 10 March that the POCM is being cancelled for the foreseeable future because the Office of Medical Services has withdrawn its psychologists from the program to meet CT assessment needs. In the Senior Training Officer meeting in which this was announced the question was asked as to whether OTE intends to take any steps to acquire its own in-house psychological talents to keep this course going. The response was that no such step is intended in part because of resource strictures but also because OTE feels that it ought not have staff psychologists when OMS also has similar professionals employed because of the potential this would have for bureaucratic conflict. None of us thought to mention OTS/BAB.

By the manner in which OTE accepted a 50 per cent cutback of POCM last summer and now a total wipe-out, it is very clear that OTE does not see POCM as central to its training program.

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